

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004. With this Response, Applicant has canceled claims 21, 42-44, 46 and 47. Claims 24-33 and 37-40 are currently pending in this application. It is noted that Applicant has amended and/or cancelled the above-identified claims solely to advance prosecution of the instant application and to obtain allowance on allowable claims at the earliest possible date. Accordingly, no admission may be inferred from the amendments of claims herein. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the originally filed claims in the future.

On Page 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the drawings filed on 28 November 2000, were objected to. Applicant notes that formal drawings for this application were received by the Patent Office on 11 February 2002. In light of this fact, and in light of the amendments described above, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection to the drawings is now overcome.

Because claims 24-33 and 37-40 have all been allowed, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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